

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the interview on November 19, 2003. The Applicant has amended the claims to include the route of administration and dosage as discussed with the Examiner.

Claims 7, 8, 11-18 and 21-30 were pending in this application. Claims 13-16 were cancelled and claims 7 and 17 were amended to further clarify the invention and to correct a claim dependency. Support for the amendment of the claims can be found in the presently cancelled claims. No new matter has been introduced into this application as a result of the present amendment. Claims 7, 8, 11, 12, 17, 18, and 21-30 are now pending in this application.

Consideration and entry of this response is respectfully requested since the response does not raise any new issues or introduce any new amendments that would require any burdensome search by the Examiner. The amendment places this application into condition for an allowance or in better form for consideration on appeal.

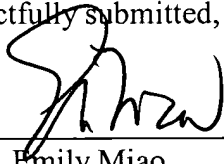
Turning now to the Office action, claims 7, 8, 11-18, and 21-30 stand finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. section 103(a) as being allegedly unpatentable over Moon et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,273,975)("Moon") in view of Gioco et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,565,466)("Gioco"). The basis for the rejection is discussed in detail on pages 3-5 of the Office action. The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The Applicant respectfully submits that in light of the present amendment, the section 103(a) rejection of the claims based on the combination of Moon and Gioco is moot. Neither Moon nor Gioco, alone or in combination, teach or suggest a method for increasing sexual desire, interest or performance using the recited compounds and at the dosages and route of administration recited in the claims. The Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are in condition for an allowance. Notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

Reconsideration of this application and a favorable determination is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if the Examiner believes that this would be helpful in expediting the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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